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AMENDMENT, 37 C.F.R. 1.111

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed 23 December 2004, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks. A Petition to Extend Time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for two (2) months for responding to the outstanding Office Action, up to and including 23 May 2005, is enclosed. Please charge the two month extension fee, as a large entity, to Deposit Account No. 13-2755. In the event any additional extension of time is required, please treat this paper as a request under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to extend the time as required, and charge Deposit Account No. 13 2755 the appropriate fee as a large entity. Please credit any overpayment or charge any fee deficiency to Deposit Account No. 13-2755.

Amendments to the Specification - None

Amendment/Listing of the Claims begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings – None

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.

Response to Rejections begin on page 6 of this paper.